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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS and Miscellaneous Incoming Letter filed 08 December 2006.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are _____.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 08 December 2006 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because the IDS filed were duplicates of the IDSs filed on 21 November 2000, 20 March 2002, and 07 July 2003, which were considered. The initialed and signed PTO-1449 forms were mailed with the Non-Final Rejection dated 02 October 2003. The Examiner has attached copies of the original initialed and signed PTO-1449 forms as well as the not considered PTO-1449 forms submitted 08 December 2006. PTO-1449 forms submitted 08 December 2006 have been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits since it had previously been considered.

Drawings

2. The Examiner withdraws the drawing objection made in the Non-Final Rejection dated 02 October 2003 in view of the arguments presented in the response filed on 24 March 2004. The drawings are acknowledged and accepted.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aimee J. Li whose telephone number is (571) 272-4169. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00am-4:30pm.

4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Chan can be reached on (571) 272-4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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